

MULPUS BROOK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Shirley)

GENERAL:

This 150-acre area consists of mixed upland and lowland habitat surrounding a section of Mulpus Brook. Best access to the brook is from town owned land at the junction of Townsend Road and Route 2A. Access to the northern, upland portion of the area is from Pamela Drive, off Route 225. U.S.G.S. Quad: Shirley

VEGETATION:

A little more than half of the area is upland forest habitat composed primarily of white pine, oak and maple. The remaining acreage is wetland habitat bordering Mulpus Brook. It varies in composition from open cattail and reed marsh to shrub swamp dominated by buttonbush, alder and red maple.

WATER:

Mulpus Brook is about 8 feet wide and 3 - 4 feet deep in this section. This is a fine coldwater stream that is stocked with trout at Route 225, Townsend Road, Longly Road and Lawton Road. About half the section of the brook within the management area can be canoed in the spring.

WILDLIFE:

Aquatic furbearers such as muskrat, mink, beaver and otter are commonly present, as are raccoons and waterfowl. Deer, fox and coyote inhabit the upland sections. This area is not stocked with pheasant.

SPECIAL

REGULATIONS: None.